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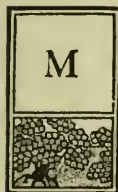
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Editorials

A MOMENT'S RESPITE



MARK TWAIN describes the relief which comes to the cub pilot who has reached a dangerous stretch of the river when the pilot comes up and says: "Let me have the wheel, Sonny." For many years teachers have been appealing to the parents for better living conditions for themselves and better opportunities for their pupils. Their appeal has fallen on deaf ears. We have continued to spend our money for that which is not bread.

A widespread idea of the Christian world is that God is nearer his people in times of calamity, pestilence, and war than in piping times of peace. Perhaps there is logical ground for this belief; in such times as these the thoughts of men go out to things not transitory. For us Americans, also, the words have gone forth: "When I begin, I will also make an end." I have heard the notion advanced that God has had nothing to do with this war. Such

was not Kitchener's view; he believed that this war has come, perhaps just in time, to save some of our nations from the last fatal sleep.

The alarm clock is waking some nations; England has appropriated twenty-five times as much money for research work, under the civil service, than was appropriated last year. Let us arise, "Let us be going."

CHANGES AT THE NORMAL

Dr. Ament leaves us, this year, after eleven years of faithful service. Our readers will recognize a writer, new to the HERALD, in the account of the Principal's work at Indiana.

The incoming head of our school is John A. H. Keith, President of the State Normal School at Oshkosh, Wis. We expect to give a biographical account in our next issue.

COMMENCEMENT HONORS

The Commencement Committee of the Faculty selected six women and two men to represent the school on Commencement Day.

The women named below are the six that stood highest among the girls and the two men are the two highest among the boys. Grades were averaged up to and including the Winter Term. The names follow:

Lydia Metzger King, Altoona—Valedictorian.

Olive Ethel Harlin, Altoona.

Flossie Belle Wagner, New Bethlehem.

Esther Iona Bothell, R. D. Indiana.

Lorraine Beatrice Hilliker, Altoona.

Marie Irene Gordon, Natrona.

Robert Miller Corson, Indiana—Salutatorian.

Augustine Joseph Lantzy, Spangler.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A RIVER



MY first recollections, though very dim, are quite pleasant. I flowed through a plain of moderate elevation. The strata were nearly horizontal, the climate was moist, and the two shallow lakes through which I flowed I remember quite well.

Have you not often read about those "dear little babbling brooks, whose lives are said to run along in a song"? I saw that once in a book, when I sent my spray near a little girl who was sitting by my side reading. That was when I was very young and inexperienced; I soon found out differently.

Ours is a hard and very discouraging life. We always keep one hope in view and that is, attaining base level. Sometimes it takes very long for one to reach it. I was only 50,000 years old when I reached it. They say that is comparatively young. My cousin, the Colorado, is 5,000 years older than I and has not nearly reached it yet. That must be discouraging. You must understand that cutting down to base level is not a simple matter. As I wore through the rocks, fragments would break off, and grinding on the bottom of the stream, would help me cut my bed. These rock fragments wearing on one another would form pebbles.

One morning I awoke to the fact that I had reached grade. I was moving my load over the lowest slope I could. I realized I was maturing. Slowly, but surely, the valleys around me broadened, starting near the mouth and following upstream. My beautiful falls wore away and the lakes that had been so long the resort of pleasure-seeking humans vanished. I had many tributaries, who did their part in the big work faithfully. The divide between my valley and that of another river was well defined.

At last old age has come. The hills that used to surround me are reduced to a peneplain; their slopes are very gentle.

One of my distant cousins had to do all his work over again, because of an upheaval in the land. I hope I will not have such ill luck as that.

During my life I have had a good opportunity to study humans. Near my source, where I was yet young, a rich man had his home.

His beautiful children have been by my side constantly, even in old age. As babies they romped by my side; as boys and girls they brought their books in the lazy summer days and studied near me; in the winter they used my frozen crust for their sports, and so on, for many generations. In other places cities have grown up.

And now I am living quite a peaceful life with many pleasant memories.

LOIS EARHART, *Ninth Grade,*
Physical Geography.

DR. AMENT'S ADMINISTRATION



IF the Indiana students of the past ten years were to close their eyes and think of Dr. Ament, this is one of the pictures which they would probably see: Morning light in the old chapel; crowded rows of students; Miss Leonard's picture, Moses and Euterpe in the foreground,—all vaguely perceived, because the Saturday morning speaker holds their attention, a man whose appearance and entire personality suggest the old definition of character—"organized victory." Organized victory! Such has Dr. Ament been for Indiana, such has Indiana been through him. Some of those Saturday morning talks the students will remember all their days. Possibly not the most profound ones—for he is profound in learning and thought—but those homely bits of advice and those glowing illustrations which were as good soil for their daily growth.

"Take a good, tight rein on yourself and drive where you want to go."

"You've got to prove yourself to people."

"The great thing that you should do in this life and that should dominate you is wrapped up in one word—service."

"And, my friends, upon whom does the success of a school rest? I cannot make this school a success nor can the faculty. Its success depends upon you!"

Certainly one cause of his own success is revealed in that last remark,—the ability to set others to work upon a suggested

line of activity, the power to make untried young people, and sometimes only half-tried older ones, into reliable, efficient workers.

The casual observer in judging Dr. Ament would think most of his architectural skill, his constructive power, his executive ability, and his prompt grasp of a difficult situation. But to those who know him better other qualities seem not less valuable; namely, his understanding of and faith in people, especially young people; his broad-minded tolerance; his big-heartedness; and his appreciation of the power of beautiful surroundings and of free, joyous, wholesome life in bringing out the best tendencies in character. Pictures, statuary and rose gardens, good music and clean athletics, as much freedom, as many happy hours as are consonant with sound intellectual progress,—these he has given to Indiana students. He believes that the public schools, including the normal schools, should train students for successful citizenship, and, so far as consistent with the welfare of all, he has desired to give to the weakest and the worst the best chance possible. No man was ever more fully convinced of the dignity, the high purposes, the sacred obligations of the teacher. To him the normal school, the institution for the professional training of teachers, is the very heart of the educational system of a nation, and Indiana under him has been a place of inspiration for young teachers.

His policies in directing his faculty have been broad-minded and kindly, free from the deadening influence of a narrow supervision, yet alert to check mistakes or suggest more helpful methods.

Since his coming to Indiana there have been built three additions to the girls' dormitory, two to the dining room, one to the kitchen, a cold storage plant, a large power plant, and the Ambulatory about Recreation Hall. About ten cottage dormitories have been established. The enrollment has nearly doubled.

But more vital than these material evidences of his strength is the influence of his thought, his nobility, his truth upon the souls and lives of hundreds of students and co-workers. It will not end with this year nor the next.

TO THE FRONT!



THE Normal boys showed their loyalty to their country soon after the declaration of war.

Bert Lentz and Robert Bush, both of whom have seen service, Lentz in China and the Philippines and Bush at Vera Cruz, left for the Officers' Reserve Training Camp at Fort Niagara, where they are undergoing training to become officers for the con-

script army.

Park Burkheimer, who attended school here for the first time, joined the regulars and is now located in the 5th Company at Fort Clark, Texas.

Edgar Myers and James McKenzie, roommates for two years and members of the graduating class, threw their lot with the engineers and are now stationed at Company B, 6th Regiment, Engineers, Washington Barracks.

Raymond Weir, Joseph Allison, and Howard Fletcher, preferring clean salt water to muddy water in the trenches, joined the submarine chasers, popularly known as mosquito fleet.

Paul Enke, another member of the Senior Class, joined the engineers and is now in training at Oakmont, just outside of Pittsburgh.

Alex. Himler, Jacob Hafner and Floyd Sherick preferred riding to walking and joined troop B, 16th U. S. Cavalry at Mercedes, Texas.

Clarence Warren, an old student, threw in his lot with the 4th Field Artillery, at El Paso, Texas.

The last fellows to leave school up to the present time are Ward, Haagen, Carl Berg, David Reid and Alex. Jack. These men joined the Hospital Corps and are now stationed at Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio.



ART NOTES

Miss Alpha Weamer, who has been teaching in Porto Rico for the last year, writes us the following interesting letter.

Naguabo, Porto Rico,

February 4, 1917.



KNOWING that you will be interested in learning how I spent the holidays this year, I send to you this brief sketch.

I took the steamer, "Philadelphia," for a four-days' trip to South America. The vessel always stops for a day, going and returning in Curacao, a tiny island, Dutch possession, just north of Venezuela.

All the remainder of the time was most happily spent in Venezuela.

Christmas morning, "Raise the spar!" "Heave her to the side" broke my peaceful slumber. Dressing quickly, I went on deck and was greeted by a real Dutch city. We had anchored in Curacao. I am told that the expression, "spotless country" of Holland, originated in this city and I can well believe it, although there is not a spot of grass in the city.

The houses and other buildings are of Dutch architecture with red tile roofs and are very quaint in appearance. The streets, except the main thoroughfare, are very narrow; in fact, a woman who happened in the street, when we were passing in an auto, had to step into a house until we passed. Another teacher was taking the same trip, so we went by auto about ten miles into the country to an ostrich farm, kept by a German. This man explained the caretaking and the habits and strange ways of these great birds and then took us to his home in a typical German house where they even served beer before we left. Here we saw the first Christmas tree. The Spanish people celebrate the sixth of January, "The Three Kings' Day" and tell the story of the three wise men and the camels, instead of the story of Santa Claus and the reindeer.

Christmas night we sailed for Venezuela arriving at La Guayra the next morning. This coast is one of the two in America having no coastal plain, the other is Peru. The houses look like little

blocks of high color, high upon the mountain side. The way is so steep that we wonder how the people ever get up to their homes.

We landed about eight o'clock and spent the *remainder of the morning* getting through the customs house. It was exasperating to U. S. teachers to spend all this time while five minutes would have sufficed, especially when there was so much to see outside but the experience was a good one. All over La Guayra we went, up and down the streets we thought impossible and saw more narrow streets, where people on opposite sides could shake hands.

Macuto, the Atlantic City of Venezuela, was the next stop. Such beautiful homes and gardens as they have here, I have never seen before! "The Boardwalk" has on the one side, the most beautiful trees and flowers. Here, I was fortunate enough to stay at the same cottage with a niece of the President of Venezuela, whom I met through the kindness of a fellow passenger. She invited me to her home. There was a center court with all rooms opening out to this enclosed garden. The bath room was particularly interesting. The tub which was very, very large and deep and sunken to the level of the floor, was made of clay or earthen ware and on one side—next to the wall, extended up with a fancy roll all hand carved. There was no hot water but provision for a shower bath of cold. This, I am told, is the typical bathroom of all Venezuela.

Caracas is, of course, the most beautiful city in the country. The buildings are large and in good taste. Through the residential sections the homes are mansions. Coaches "for hire" lined up along the public places give the city a more foreign appearance. The hotel where I stayed was so different from any I had ever before seen. The dining-room was in the center and surrounding it were the balconies of the three floors. The first object to attract my attention on the plaza was a great profusion of *real* orchids.

The trips through the mountains were beyond my power of description. In one half day, we passed through eighty-seven tunnels. The grade is so steep in places that the train runs on

cogs. We were at the foot of the mountains and again at the top even above the clouds, often 3500 feet above sea level.

We visited many of the smaller towns and could we have delayed a week, might have witnessed a bull fight in Caracas. All through these sections the windows are barred, while the girls sit inside, the fellows stand outside and—converse.

The poor people here as elsewhere in the Tropics, live in wretched conditions. In one home there were about ten children at the table eating with spoons from dishes, both of which were made from tropical fruits, while in the same room were about as many goats—the animals always living in the same room with the people. The houses among the mountains are very picturesque although very primitive, as are the ways of living.

Although the ocean is unusually rough at this time of the year, I had a good smooth trip and ended my journey with a quarantine of three days at San Juan—a requirement applying to all people from Venezuelan ports. Here as on board vessel, I had the first American cooking I've enjoyed since coming to the Island. I should have enjoyed a longer stay for this reason, too, for one does get rather tired of rice and beans, the staff of life in Porto Rico.

The sugar centrals or factories are beginning the sugar making as the cane is ready for cutting and there is always an odor of molasses. The process is interesting.

I have not seen Helen Carr as she is in a district very difficult to reach from here and the modes of travel are not good; but I occasionally receive a letter from her, always telling of her interest in the work.

The supervisor says some very encouraging things about my work and has already promised me a much better position for next year but the decision is difficult for me to make. At present I am very busy learning the language; for I speak English in the school room only. Very few of the adults speak English and so they are greatly pleased when one is able to speak Spanish.

Very often I wish you were with me here this winter plucking oranges, bananas, and grape fruit from the trees. Cocoanuts produce the best milk when they are not fully matured. The meat is then very thin and tender and has a very different flavor.

We get many fruits and vegetables here which are not usually sent to the States, except to New York—Spanish beans, alligator pears, the chewing gum fruit, which looks like a potato, granadas and many others.

There is so much to tell that I could write all day and still not tell half; so the rest is left for another time.

Sincerely,

ALPHA WEAMER.

Miss Elizabeth Stroble, '13, and Normal Art, '11, completes the Normal Art and Manual Training Course at Pratt Institute in June. Miss Stroble has been elected as Supervisor of Art and Elementary handwork in Mount Pleasant State Normal School, Michigan, at a fine salary. We extend congratulations and best wishes.

We welcome to the special classes this spring Helen Stewart, of '12, who will complete the Normal Art Course, and Florence Mahan, '16.

Designs by the special art students have been applied to a child's stencilled quilt—made for Master Robert W. Bliss, of Honolulu, the young nephew of Miss Charlotte Stuchell.

The quilt is of white material stencilled in blue and bears the monogram in the center, surrounded by a large oval of animals. A border in silhouette of the circus parade completes the whole.

Miss Mary O. Buterbaugh, Normal Art 1913, has just closed a successful term as Supervisor of Drawing, at Woodlawn, Pa. Miss B. was re-elected to the same position at a salary of \$1000.

The close of the school year was marked by the production of a Holland play by the pupils, while the scenery was made and painted by the boys under the direction of Miss Buterbaugh.

Miss Elizabeth Stroble, of '13, will direct summer work in drawing and elementary construction in Virginia.

Miss Janet Clark Linehan, '11, who has been teaching in Cleveland for several years, sends a delightful pen picture of home life and pleasures, including a car of her own, but says she *is not married* as is indicated in our catalogue.

THE BIRDS' CHRISTMAS TREE

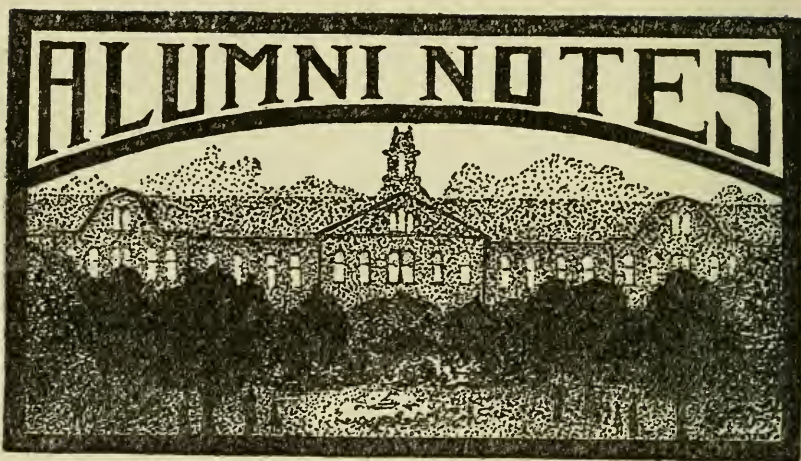


R. J. THEODORE ARNTZ, Professor of Spanish at the Pennsylvania State Normal School, Indiana, Pa., writes of a very pretty custom which has been followed at that school for a number of years.

"In this large school of over fifteen hundred students we have also a primary department or Model School. The last afternoon of the term was given up to the annual Christmas entertainment of the little ones. One of the features which, I have been told, has been included in the program for a great number of years, consists in the Christmas tree for the birds. On our northern campus we have a beautiful grove of tall oak trees. One of them was selected by the boys of the 5th and 6th grades. Some of the bigger ones climbed upon the lower limbs and the smaller pupils handed by means of long poles strings of delicacies for the feathered flock; the *piece de resistance* was sandwiches of suet cut to the proper bird size. As we had a foot of snow, the guests were eager enough. While the trimming of the tree was still going on, two nut-hatches came creeping down the trunk chirping impatiently for their annual banquet, to the immense delight of the little children who caught their breath for fear that they might frighten them off. The usual adornments of the Christmas tree were also hung on. The pleasure of the children was real, and the impression left upon their sensitive minds must be a source of many kind deeds in later life."

Taken from The National Humane Review.





SCHOOL days at the Indiana Normal School were recalled on the evening of April 21, at the fifth annual banquet of the Allegheny County Alumni Association held in the ball room of the William Penn hotel. The attendance was three hundred and fifty, and the function was one of the most successful held by the organization. That it should have been such a fine success at this time when the public mind of Normal School people is so strongly diverted toward the crisis now occupying the thought of the country was largely due to the enthusiasm of the alumni of course, but markedly so to the devotion, intelligence and energy of the banquet committee.

The event was in the nature of a farewell reception for the retiring principal, Dr. James E. Ament, who was lauded for the work he had accomplished at Indiana during the twelve years of his administration, and a welcome to the principal-elect, Dr. John A. H. Keith, of Oshkosh, Wis., who made his first appearance before Indiana graduates and was assured of their earnest support in the years to come. Miss Jane E. Leonard, preceptress of the school since its organization in 1875, was the third guest of honor. Brief addresses were made by Dr. Keith, Dr. Ament, Miss Leonard, J. Wood Clark, Senator J. S. Fisher, Binnie Mc-

Connaughey, Arthur W. Wilson and others. The invocation was delivered by Rev. Dr. W. J. Wishart, pastor of the Eighth United Presbyterian Church, Northside.

Music was furnished both by an orchestra and Normal talent. Prof. Orley See, violinist of the Musical faculty of the school, and Mrs. Rexford D. Colburn, soprano, appeared in musical numbers. Prof. R. D. Colburn led the assembly in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Alma Mater" and other numbers.

The following menu was served:

Stuffed Tomatoes		
Cream of Asparagus Soup		
One-half Roast Stuffed Chicken		
Peas		Potatoes au Gratin
Salade, French Dressing		
Fancy Ice Cream		Cake
Cafe		

The organization elected the following officers: President, J. M. Berkey, '78; vice-president, Wilmer Brickley, '16; secretary, Edna Heck, '02, and treasurer, Sara Wright, '04.

The meeting was a delightful, informal affair, and the guests held re-unions, and talked over events with great pleasure. A reception and dance concluded the evening's program.

One of our early students, Caroline S. Gwinn, Mrs. H. D. Blatchley, of Caldwell, Idaho, we sometimes hear from, and always in connection with some generous thought or deed. Her open-hearted hospitality, her bright spirit and kind messages show her to be the same Carrie Gwinn that used to laugh and talk and sometimes study in "Hoe-your-own-row" in that far-away time, 1877. And now from an Idaho paper we take the following:

"That the Blatchleys have always been sincere friends of the College of Idaho, we have always known. On Christmas day this institution learned again of the interest that these people take in the future welfare of the C. of I. The gift was the Blatchley home and two small pieces of land adjoining the campus.

"It is difficult to set the value of such a gift in money for it in-

icates a spirit that is much more valuable than the gift itself. However, the actual value of the property that was transferred was not less than \$15,000. The only stipulation in regard to the gift was that they should be permitted to occupy it for a time as their home. But in the future, Blatchley Hall will be the home of the president.

"The building is of massive architecture, and up-to-date and modern in every respect. Because of its position and beauty, the building fits in well with the architectural scheme of the campus. We now have four College halls on the grounds.

"Mr. and Mrs. Blatchley have always taken a great interest in the College and gave the land on which the other buildings now stand. Mr. Blatchley has served for a long time as one of the trustees of the school, and Mrs. Blatchley is head of the art department.

"The board of trustees of the College named a committee to draw up a resolution of thanks to the donors.

"As long as the College of Idaho can number among its friends such splendid and sacrificing givers as Mr. and Mrs. Blatchley we feel sure that the institution will prosper. Friends that stick to you through thick and thin are the ones that count. The Blatchleys are that kind."

Helen S. Carr, a graduate in the Art Department 1915, is teaching in Porto Rico, and is delighted with her work there. She is located in the beautiful town of Lares, situated in the mountains a thousand feet above sea-level. Lares is a wealthy coffee town containing besides Miss Carr five other Americans.

Zita King, '11, and Edith Rees, '00, like many of our students last summer, did university work. These two girls chose Wisconsin. The teachers in the public schools of the State were late in beginning their work last fall, and this holds them back from attending the Normal schools this summer. For this reason we doubt not that the universities whose summer sessions begin about the first of July will see even more of them than usual.

Dr. H. Ney Prothero, '99, has been elected president of the Western Medical Society for 1917. This is not the only testimony we are receiving of Dr. Prothero's fine success.

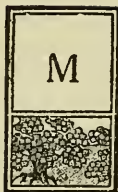
George L. Davis, known to many Normalites, has been accepted by the Red Cross Society with the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Clyde A. Fowler, a well remembered student of the College English class, has been made editor-in-chief of the *Penn State Farmer* for the coming college year. The magazine is published monthly by the agricultural students at the Pennsylvania State College. Mr. Fowler is enrolled in the department of dairy husbandry, and is a member of the Junior class.

Clyde A. Fowler and Joseph H. Wilson, '13, have applied for commissions in the officers' reserve corps.



MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS



MISS ROBERTA McCRUM, '14, of Beaver, Pa., was married to Mr. David Ralph Rodgers, of Aspinwall, Pa. The wedding took place at the Fort Pitt hotel, Pittsburgh. Only immediate relatives were included in the guest list. Mr. Rodgers and his bride live at Maple Avenue, Aspinwall.

William Ellsworth Pierce, Esq., '09, and Edna T. Bell, '09, of Indiana, Pa., were married Wednesday afternoon, January 17, 1917, at the home of the bride by Rev. B. W. Hutchinson. Mr. Pierce is a graduate of the Indiana High School, the State Normal School, Washington and Jefferson College, and was a student at the Harvard Law School. He is president of the Outing Club of Indiana, and saw service on the Mexican border last year, having been First Lieutenant of Company F, Tenth Infantry, Second Brigade.

Miss Bell was graduated from the Indiana High School, the State Normal School and Hollins College, Virginia, and had been a most successful teacher in the Indiana High School during the past year. While at college she was prominent in musical and literary circles, being a member of the Dramatic Club and the Phi Gamma Mu Sorority. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce is Seventh Street, Indiana, Pa.

Two of our well-known former students, Thomas Albert Hart, of Saltaburg, Pa., and Miss Sarah Jane Seavey, of Sharpsburg, Pa., were married Saturday, April 14, 1917.

An announcement of much interest to Normal School teachers and students is the engagement of Miss Josephine Powell, '11, of Oil City, Pa., to Mr. George E. Welker. The announcement was made by Mrs. Ronald B. Crawford at a luncheon she gave at the Venango Club, Saturday afternoon, May 12. Miss Powell is one of three sisters who have attended Normal, Mary I., '08, Josephine, '11, and Laura, '13.

Mr. Alfred H. Quinette, '13, Commercial Teachers' Training Course, and Miss Jennie Florence Skiles, were married December 27, 1916, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney M. Skiles, 124 Card Avenue, Wilmerding, Pa. Mr. Quinette has been for three years at the head of the Commercial Department in the Duquesne High School, Duquesne, Pa.

Miss Helen Rockefeller, '13, Commercial Teachers' Training Course, is now Mrs. L. Lowry Stroh, of 1302 North Front Street, Sunbury, Pa.

Helen Geary Logan, '16, Commercial Teachers' Training Course, and Mr. Charles Augustus Moorhead, of Indiana, were married on Wednesday, the twenty-fifth of April, 1917, Indiana, Pa. The newly-married couple are spending their honeymoon in California and will be at home to their friends after July 15, Indiana, Pa.

Mrs. Emma A. Grant, Indiana, Pa., announces the marriage of her daughter, Loretta Louise, '15, to Dr. Fred Walker St. Clair, on Saturday, March 31, 1917. Dr. and Mrs. St. Clair live at 923 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, Pa.

Miss Della Hastie, '12, of Freeport, Pa., was married to Mr. Ernest Chapman, of Lebanon, N. H., on August 4, 1916. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman is 238 Main Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Mary Miller, '13, is now Mrs. F. H. Snyder of 111 E. Seventh Street, Erie, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. James Love Nix announce the marriage of their daughter Dorothy, '11, to Mr. Walter Reed Morris, on Wednesday, the seventh of March, 1917, at Homer City, Pa.

The wedding of Miss Janet M. Brindle, '15, Public School Music Course, and Mr. William M. Sweigart took place on Thursday, March 29, 1917, Bellevue, Pa.

Mr. William Stark and Miss Priscilla Speer, '05, announce their marriage on Thursday, October 12, 1916, Wilkinsburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Stark reside in Export, Pa.

Miss Leta Alma Potter, '11, and Mr. William C. Wells were united in marriage Wednesday, February 21, 1917, Cresson, Pa.

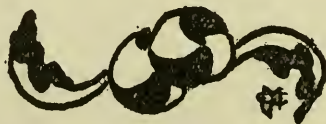
The engagement of Miss Rose Eleanor Weiss, '13, Commercial Teachers' Training Course, and Mr. Jack Gustas Feldman, of New York City, has been announced. The wedding is to take place in July.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Pierce, '07, of San Diego, California, announce the birth of Jerome Robert Pierce, May 1, 1917. Mrs. Pierce is Enid Crawford, a former Model critic.

Mary L. Pierce, Regular course, '10, Public School Music, '12, and Vocal Music, '13, was married to Mr. Jesse Newell Kerr, February 21, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr reside at 409 Young Street, New Castle, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Fennell, of Jeannette, Pa., announce the marriage of their daughter Minnie B. Fennell, '13, to Mr. Arthur Gordon Solomon, son of Edward T. Solomon, of Trurs, England. The ceremony was performed by an uncle of the bride, Dr. J. R. Loughner, of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, Van Buren, Pa., at noon, April 14, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Frederick Erk (Mrs. Erk is Martha Hervey, '97) report the arrival of a baby girl, Martha Louise, born February 17, 1917.



DEATHS



THE hand of death has again touched our first Indiana graduating class, '76. There were four members only in that class, and there remains now but one, Hiram Smith, Loveland, Colo. The man of that class of most scholarly attainments and one who came most often to see us bringing back with him love and memory of the old days was Irwin Pounds McCurdy, whose death took place at his home in Jeannette, Pa., Tuesday afternoon, December 26, 1917. Dr. McCurdy was born and reared on a farm in Derry township, Westmoreland county. After leaving Indiana, he graduated at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., and then took a full theological course at Princeton Seminary. Following his ordination as a minister, Dr. McCurdy served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; Fifth Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Mo., and the First Presbyterian Church, Lansford, Pa. He was lecturer on science and religion at the Temple University, Philadelphia.

Dr. McCurdy married Miss Rachel Long Ewing, of Irwin, who survives him with the following three sons and six daughters: Irwin P., Philadelphia; Willis E., New York City, and Joseph A., Jeannette; Mrs. Mildred Elrick, Jeannette; Miss Mabel R., Miss Alice W., Miss Edna E., Miss Evelyn K., and Miss Rajeara L. McCurdy at home.

Irwin McCurdy was fond of learning and was a student his life long, as the following honors conferred upon him by different institutions of learning will attest, D. D., Litt. D., LL.D., D. C. L.

In the death of Mr. McCurdy the Normal School sustains the loss of an alumnus of high character and wide connections among people who shared with him a deep interest in Indiana.

It is with unusual pain that the HERALD has to report the death of I. O. Nissley, '79, which took place on Thursday evening about nine o'clock, March 8, 1917, at his home in Middletown, Pa. Mr. Nissley's death was so sudden as to leave his family, the employees of his newspaper office, his friends, and the entire community almost dumfounded. In the evening of the day of

his death he was about as usual, but at eight-thirty was seized with severe pains. A physician was summoned, who prescribed for him and relieved him, and he fell into a doze upon the couch in the living-room. A few minutes later, Mrs. Nissley, who sat close by, noticed him draw several long breaths; going to his side she attempted to arouse him, but peacefully he had slipped into glory.

Mr. Nissley was sixty-three years old. He became owner and editor of the *Middletown Press* in 1882, and was still its editor and owner when he died thirty-five years later. His paper like his character was a widely extended influence for righteousness. A man once offered him any price to run his advertisement, but Mr. Nissley discovering that the advertisement was a fake said "You do not have money enough to buy a line in my paper for your 'Ad.'" With this remark the man was peremptorily dismissed. No liquor or cigarette advertisements were ever found in the columns of his paper. He had the faculty of seeing the funny things in life. He was a delightful companion as well as a warm friend. During his long and busy career as an editor he in company with his devoted wife at various times traveled over many portions of the United States and Canada, and twice they traveled in foreign countries, the last time to the Holy Land. His charmingly written letters of his travels were published in book form, and it was a source of great pleasure to him that they were read in the public schools to the scholars as an example of fine and pure English as well as simple and excellent description. He was one of the most lovable of men. He never forgot a friend, and he had hosts of them extending from people of the highest rank in life to the most lowly. From people in need or distress he never turned away, and his abundant charities were so quietly and unostentatiously done that the Scriptural injunction "Let not thy right hand know what the left doeth" was fulfilled. He was on the board of managers of two different orphan homes, the Loysville Orphan Home and the Fry Board in Middletown.

He was all his lifetime a beautiful singer, and this with his deep religious experience made him a power in the Church and Sunday-school. For twenty-eight years up to the time of his death he held the office of Sunday-school Superintendent. In

ninety-eight years that Sunday-school at Middletown has had but four superintendents. One asks in grief and wonder "Where can be found I. O. Nissley's successor?"

It is with profound regret that word was received at Indiana of the death on January 2, 1917, of the Rev. William Jack, Ph.D., '87, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Schaller, Iowa. The doctor had been suffering from a heavy cold for sometime, and about nine days previous to his death, pneumonia set in, and in spite of his rugged physique, the physicians found themselves helpless in the face of this formidable disease.

After graduating at our Normal School, Dr. Jack completed the college course at Lafayette College in 1892, then went to Princeton Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in the class of 1895.

While at the Seminary he won the Hebrew Scholarship, entitling him to two years' graduate study abroad. In the enjoyment of that fellowship he attended the University of Leipsic. Here, after four years of study, he received the degree of doctor of philosophy. Returning to America he was ordained in 1901 and held pastorates in Pennsylvania and New York states. During this period he spent a year abroad in further study at Edinburgh and Paris. During the year 1911-12 he held a scholarship at Cornell University. In June 1912 he came to Schaller, Iowa, as a supply of the First Presbyterian church. In September of that same year he was united in marriage to Miss Ina L. Mills, of Middletown, New York. In October the following year, he was installed as pastor of the Schaller congregation. Under his care the church has made substantial progress and it had been his vision to see erected a new church building, thoroughly adapted to the needs of the community. During his pastorate at Schaller he served as Moderator of the Sioux City Presbytery, and at the time of his death was chairman of the Synodical Committee on Colleges and Education.

The funeral service was held in the Schaller church on the afternoon of Friday, January 5. Rev. R. L. Barackman, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, a seminary classmate of Dr. Jack, presided at the service and

preached the funeral sermon. On the platform with him were Rev. C. G. Butler, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Sac City and Rev. R. D. Echlin, D.D., president of Buena Vista College, representing as a committee the presbytery of Sioux City, together with Rev. R. J. Blue, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Ida Grove, Rev. Thomas S. Hughes, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Cleghorn, Rev. Daniel Williams, D.D., of Storm Lake, Rev. C. F. Hultz, pastor of the Schaller Methodist Episcopal church and Rev. Otto Menke, of the German Reformed Church of Schaller. In addition to the sermon Dr. Echlin spoke appreciatively of Dr. Jack as a member of the Sioux City Presbytery. After the services the remains were taken to the Northwestern depot for transportation to Middletown, New York, where the burial will take place.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one little daughter, Louise, three years of age, and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Frank, of High River, Alberta.

Dr. Jack, as he was commonly known to his friends, was a man of splendid intellectual attainments and with all maintained a genuine simplicity that made him a man greatly beloved by all who knew him. In his going it may be truly said that a great man has gone, and that as a pastor, preacher and presbyter, his death is a distinct loss to the church. The sympathy of all, we feel sure, is extended to the widow and daughter in their personal loss, and to the church in its loss of a faithful and tender shepherd.

We record the sad death of Miss Nannie J. McMillen, '07, who was struck and instantly killed by a train near Bluefields, West Virginia, while in the performance of her Missionary duties. After graduating at Indiana, Miss McMillen prepared herself for the services of a Baptist Missionary by taking the prescribed course at one of the Western schools, and upon her graduation from that Institution was stationed at Bluefields, where she had been successfully prosecuting her work for several years. She leaves her mother, five brothers, and six sisters, the father having died some years ago. She is remembered as one of the bright and studious members of 1907 at the Normal School, where she made many friends. Her sudden death comes as a great shock

to us all. The body was brought to her old home at Plumville, Indiana County, where interment was made.

Miss Jean Hurley Neff, a graduate of the Musical Conservatory at Indiana in 1911, died at Johnstown April 27, 1917. Miss Neff was born in Clearfield County, but went to Hastings, Cambria County, with her parents when she was a child, and was living there when she became a student at Indiana. She also attended Ann Arbor in addition to the musical work she did at Indiana, and studied grand opera under Oscar Sanger of New York City. She went to Johnstown in 1913, to take the position of leading vocalist in the First Presbyterian church, and soon became actively identified with the Fortnightly Club and other musical organizations of that city. She conducted a studio there for several years before her death and gave a recital in Library Hall early in January.

Miss Neff had been in declining health since last fall, but rallied to medical treatment and engaged in teaching until a few weeks before her death. For a week only before her death was she confined to her bed.

Short funeral services were conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jones, where she made her home in Johnstown. Afterwards the body was taken to Hastings. The services both in Johnstown and Hastings were conducted by the Rev. Dr. C. C. Hays, of the First Presbyterian church in Johnstown.

Howard Kring, '14, died of pneumonia at the Allegheny Hospital in Pittsburgh, February 28, 1917, after an illness of only six days. Mr. Kring was buried in Beaver Falls, Pa., where he was born twenty-four years ago. He was the only son of Dr. S. S. Kring, now of Johnstown. After graduation at Indiana, Mr. Kring taught for two years in Johnstown, and at least a part of that time was principal of one of the grade schools. He then entered the Dental school of the University of Pittsburgh, and soon made his way in the school with both faculty and students, and became a member of the Delta Sigma Delta fraternity. Mr. Kring was known both at Indiana and the University as an earnest

student and a man of cheerful disposition, high aims, honest purpose and extreme friendliness of spirit. He took an acceptable part in all the school and social festivities, and is greatly missed among his friends and associates.

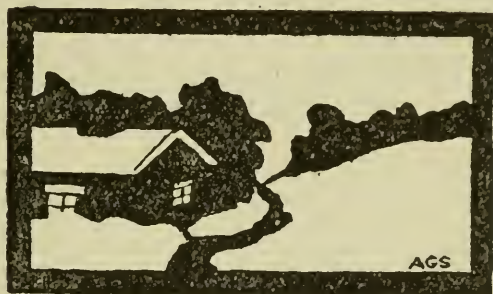
One of our earlier students, John L. Thomas, husband of Miss Cynthia Breniser, '86, died very suddenly on his boat in Billingham, Wash., November 28, 1916. He was making some repairs in the gasoline engine of his launch, and came in contact in some way with the deadly gas from a leaking valve. He was alone at the time, a machinist whom he had called to help him having been delayed in coming. Mr. Thomas was from Indiana county where he leaves a large circle of friends and acquaintances who feel deeply the loss of this good and useful man.

The death of her husband, Mr. G. W. Woodburn, has led Eva Vanard, '85, to change her residence, Edgecliffe Drive, Los Angeles, California, where she spent the last three or four years of her husband's life. She now resides with her mother in 2077 E. 106 Place, Cleveland, Ohio.

Charles M. Bradley, '14, Professor of Music at Dubuque German University, Dubuque, Iowa, died at his home in Altoona, on May 22, 1917.

Two homes familiar to many of our old students and teachers on account of the charming hospitality enjoyed and the warm friendships made there,—the residences of Judge Silas M. Clark and Andrew W. Wilson,—are now only sacred memories to us. The Clark residence is to be converted into a memorial hall, the Wilson home has been removed to the rear of the First U. P. Church and becomes its parsonage. The passing of the families who for so many years gave life and love to these homes is a grief to us at the Normal School. Both families are widely scattered;

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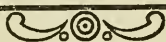
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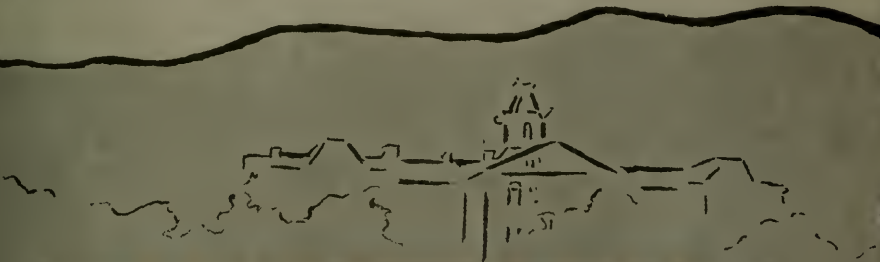
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